

AUCTION OF TIMBER IN TARIKERE TIMBER DEPOT

*Q.—137. Sri KUNDUR RUDRAPPA (Chennagiri).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it is a fact that timber in Tarikere Timber Depot was auctioned for Rs. 32,911—in July 1949.

(b) whether Government did not suffer a loss of Rs. 7,660 and interest Rs. 1,886—total Rs. 9,546—by resale of that timber.

(c) the action taken to recover the said amount from the defaulter?

A.—Sri K. F. PATIL (Minister for Forests and Transport).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Revenue authorities have been addressed to recover the dues from the party as arrears of land revenue as per sale conditions and rules. Action is being pursued.

DEATHS OCCURRED DUE TO FOOD POISONING AT BELGAUM.

*Q.—201. Sri. V. S. PATIL (Belaum I).—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether they are aware that some cases of food poisoning had occurred at Belgaum recently;

(b) the number of persons died of it and the number of persons affected;

(c) whether Government have traced the origin or cause of the food poisoning;

(d) the steps they propose to take to prevent such occurrences;

(e) whether they are aware that the Police had sealed the wheat in one of the shops on the ground of suspecting it to be poisonous; if so with what result?

A.—Dr. K. K. HEGDE (Minister for Health).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Affected 91, died 9.

(c) No.

(d) (i) Press Conference has been held.

(ii) Press releases have been issued.

(iii) Circulars have been issued to District Health Officers, Presidents of Municipal Councils, Deputy Commissioners, etc.